

BEWARE

Friday to bring 13th weirdness

By Wayne Carter
editor

If you haven't looked at your calendar lately and you're not really sure what today is, let me refresh your memory. It's Thursday. Thursday the 12th, that is. As if you didn't have enough to worry about already, Friday the 13th is staring you in the face.

Have an exam scheduled for tomorrow? Maybe you should become suddenly ill or a close relative should suffer some unspeakable tragedy. Taking an exam tomorrow might not be such a good idea. In fact, getting out of bed tomorrow might not be the brightest idea, either. No matter what anyone says, Friday the 13th guarantees, at the very least, a measure of weirdness not seen on your average, everyday day.

You might wonder when people first began to notice that this particular mixture of day and date produces a potent bad-luck potion. If we look in Charles Panati's "Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things" on, you guessed it, page 13, we find that a tale from Norse mythology offers an explanation for the dreaded day.

Friday, so says the book, was named for Frigga, a "free-spirited goddess of love and fertility." When the Norse and Germanic tribes converted to Christianity, poor old Frigga, fun-loving girl that she was, didn't fit in anymore.

Sent away in shame to a mountaintop, she turned her attentions from lust to luck. Bad luck, that is. Seems that she, along with 11 other witches and the devil (that's a group of 13, for those of you who aren't paying attention) would meet every Friday and plot nasty twists of fate for the coming week.

These meetings, which some speculate were the forerunner of the modern weekly faculty meeting, caused Friday to be known for centuries in Scandinavia as "Witches' Sabbath."

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ARTISTREE — This photo uses technological wizardry to make an artistic statement. Imaginations running wild might find tangled webs or a dancing damsel or roads diverging in a wood.

Calendar fills with important dates

By Mondale Dobbs
staff writer

Tomorrow is the first of several important dates for students between now and the end of the spring semester. That day ends the first eight weeks on which midterm grades are based.

Instructors will turn in midterm grades on Monday. "Students should be receiving their grades in the mail around March 21 or 22," Registrar Bill Wilmeth said.

That will be just in time for the most important date, Spring Break. Spring Break begins March 23 and ends March 27.

"During this week everything on campus will be shut down," Student Affairs Secretary Gene Beddingfield said.

"Students who live in the dorm must be out by 6 p.m. March 20," Residential Director Kathy Pierce said. "The codes will be turned off and students will not be able to get back in the dorm until Sunday March 30."

Students need to check with their Hall Specialist to find out what time their hall will open on Sunday, Pierce said.

Classes will resume on Monday, March 30.

Students who want to drop a

class must do so by April 3 to receive an automatic W.

Easter Break is short. Classes will be out only April 17, Good Friday, for Easter.

"Students with Thursday evening and Saturday classes will have to attend," Instructional Administration Dean Jerry Leard said.

Rehearsal for graduation is scheduled at 8 a.m. April 30 in Wagstaff Gym.

Another date to remember is May 11-14, the week of final exams. The official end of the semester is May 15.

Graduation will be at 10 a.m. May 16 in Wagstaff Gym.

Tickets available

Carlos Fuentes to speak March 30

By Stephanie Hinton
staff writer

Tickets to Latin American writer Carlos Fuentes' speech at 7:30 p.m. March 30 are available in the student development office in Rogers Student Center.

His speech, open to the public, will be the second function of his visit. The first will be a noon question and answer session with certain selected classes.

"We want the city of Tyler to

know that we are aware of and interested in things Hispanic," Foreign Language Director John Hays said.

Fuentes is a Latin American novelist who has also made a name for himself as a diplomat.

He was Mexico's ambassador in 1975 and has served as lecturer or visiting professor at several universities.

His novel "The Old Gringo" was the first by a Mexican author to become a bestseller in the United States.

The movie version, starring Jane Fonda and Gregory Peck, increased his fame in this country.

Fuentes has been honored with the nation's highest prize for literature by the president of Mexico and the Gallego Prize by the Venezuelan government. He is also a member of Mexico's National Commission on Human Rights.

"He expresses profound insight into Mexico and U.S. relations for the future," Hays said.

Tyler ministers to discuss faith with students

Spiritual Emphasis Week Monday through Wednesday will include speakers from a broad range of Tyler congregations.

Programs on "Faith" will include informal panel discussions on such issues as money, sex, drugs and alcohol. Students are encouraged to ask any kind of questions, Committee Chairman Dr. Charles Stelling said.

"The program is mainly to inform and educate the students," Stelling said.

Programs will begin Monday with a noon luncheon at the Campus Christian Center. Panel members are the Rev. Paul Savlors from Southern Oaks Baptist Church, Dr. Charles Millikan from Pollard Memorial United Methodist Church, the Rev. Monsignor Milam Joseph from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Darrel Bowdre from North Teneha Church of Christ and Stelling. They will discuss "How My Faith Relates To Money."

At 5:30 p.m. Monday in the Wesley Foundation Building "How My Faith Relates to Sexuality" is the topic. Speakers will be Savlors and Millikan. The Rev. Harvey Beckendorf will chair the panel.

Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. Rabbi Stephen Gold from the Congregation Beth El and Monsignor Joseph will cover "How My Faith Helps Me Survive." The Rev. Phillip Attebery will chair the panel in Jean Browne Theatre.

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Apache Room the topic is "How My Faith Relates to Drugs and Alcohol." Speakers will be Bowdre and the Rev. James Hawkins from the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

The final program will be a noon lunch in the Baptist Student Union Wednesday. All panel members chaired by the Rev. Bob Mayfield, BSU director, will discuss "How My Faith Relates To The Future."

Stelling said the programs are open to anyone who would like to attend.

Healthcare plan deserves priority

The United States of America is the largest industrialized nation in the world without national healthcare. This is a sad state for the most technologically advanced country in history.

Some people, mostly Republican right-wingers, quickly point out that healthcare plans exist for the poor and elderly. But large numbers of Americans do not qualify for these programs because they are not poor or not old enough.

In most cases, those who qualify for free healthcare must be completely destitute and unemployed. If anyone on one of these programs gets at job flipping hamburgers for minimum wage, they and their children immediately become ineligible for assistance. The most tragic victims of this Catch-22 situation are children, the largest group in America who have either no health insurance or are under insured. They are our future.

It is horrible for a parent to know that, if the children become ill, you cannot take them to the doctor or hospital. Even those with some hospitalization meet another Catch-22 because many plans only cover in-patient care. If the child is not sick enough to go to the hospital, parents can either try to treat the child themselves or hope the child gets enough worse to be admitted to the hospital. No parents want that option.

In many cases, even for children sick enough to be hospitalized, most plans either have a deductible or require the insured to pay at least 20 percent of the bill. Parents trying to support a family of five on a frycook's salary find an overloaded budget cannot handle even a few hundred dollars in medical bills. Do the arithmetic. Family finances will collapse miserably.

Retirement age citizens are eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, but older Americans who have retired solely on Social Security benefits find these programs woefully inadequate. Raises in coverage and Social Security benefits do not match the skyrocketing prices of medical care.

Not long ago a man and woman who had worked hard all their lives, raised their children to be good members of society, paid their taxes and saved their money, retired in their paid-for home. They expected to rest and enjoy their golden years. Unfortunately health problems arose, as they often do, in the aged. These people lost their home, their savings account and just about everything else they had worked for before they died. It all went to doctors and hospitals.

If things do not change, we all face such dire happenings.

Despite the most highly advanced medical technology on the planet, millions of people in this country live in fear of getting sick or injured because they can't afford to go to the doctor. Something is wrong about that, something very wrong indeed. The medical establishment has priced little people out of healthcare. Washington lawmakers don't care because they and their families have adequate health insurance, the old "I have mine, you get yours" theory at work.

Many say the British have tried nationalized health care and it does not work. They say the quality of care suffers. And because it didn't work in England, we should not even try it over here, right? That makes sense, the kind of sense Congress has been making for years.

For this nation to be as great as it can be, we must provide ALL Americans with adequate healthcare. The only way individual citizens can make this happen is to vote for representatives who believe adequate healthcare is a nation priority. We must vote for those interested in making this nation great, not in lining their own pockets and massaging their own egos. If the people in Congress did not have health insurance, they would probably pass such a bill quicker than they pass a payraise for themselves. That would be pretty fast.



Photo by Bonnie Calman

IS IT TIME TO GO ON STAGE?--Jonas Estes, Scott Craig, and Brandon Beach finish the last touches and prepare for the musical "42nd Street". See related story on page 5.

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myth. We can pretty much rule out some tart of a goddess, who got jealous because the men turned their attentions elsewhere, as a cause of misfortune. But, lest you ignore the warning and try to take it as a normal day, be assured that chances are good tomorrow you'll finally get to meet, up close and personal, that psycho who's been after you in your dreams.

OK, OK, most Friday the 13th mishaps aren't quite that bad, but I care. I want you to be ready. In the interest of preparedness, here are a few things to watch out for on fateful Friday.

If you work with the public, you will meet at least one person who (a) Is the biggest, most stubborn, just-will-not-go-away-and-leave-you-in-peace-jerk you've

ever seen, or (b) You, later, while swilling a stiff drink to stop the shaking, will swear crawled through a hole in the wall between here and the unknown just to make you aware that things out there are not meant to be understood by normal folks.

If you are lucky enough not to have one of these awful encounters, you probably will lose something that you absolutely, positively know you left in a certain spot. Don't drive yourself nuts trying to find it, though. Come midnight tomorrow it will be right there where you knew it was to begin with. Trying to find the object any sooner will be an exercise in futility. Forget about it. Read that book you've been meaning to read. Take a nap. Watch TV. Do something to pass the time until the object returns from wherever it has been.

As suggested earlier, the best course of action for the day is to find an excuse, any excuse, to stay in bed. Don't tempt fate if you have a choice.

Many of you, like me, have no choice. I have to work and have found that skipping classes has the same effect on the GPA that Friday the 13th has on luck. Not good. The best we poor souls who must venture out can do is keep our eyes wide open and remember it's only one day. It will end. Not soon enough, but it will end.

Good luck to all of you in getting through the day with mind and body still in one piece. Remember, we're all in the same boat. You're not alone. Keeping this in mind will help you cope with the added stress of the day.

One more thing. Pray that the moon isn't full. If it is, you're on your own.

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10 cadets assist professional officers with maintaining safety on campus

by Melinda Curry
staff writer

Those people who give parking tickets to students and faculty alike are students themselves, Campus Safety Cadets.

Ten cadets work with Campus Safety, but it is possible to have as many as 13, Campus Safety Director Gene Carney said.

They are: Brent Adams, Jennifer Bagley, Jesse Fite, Stacy Godsey, William Hailey, Kristi Jackson, Jeff McNair, Steve Oxnard, James Stevens and Michael Tipton. Officer Mike Moseley supervises them.

They are valuable to the offi-

'The cadets are used as eyes and ears for the officers,' Carney said.

cers and to TJC, Moseley said. The Cadets are criminal justice majors who have completed at least 12 hours in their major. They get paid for their services and earn class credit if the work is used as an internship, Moseley said.

Their hours are flexible. Some work in the morning, some at night, he said.

The Cadets not only handle parking violations, but are a big

help to the officers, Moseley said. They get exposure and experience and learn from the professional officers.

"The Cadets are used as eyes and ears for the officers," Carney said.

When the Cadets see or hear about something, they are to report to Campus Safety immediately, he said. They also help supervise basketball games, dances and other functions on campus.



Photo by Melinda Curry

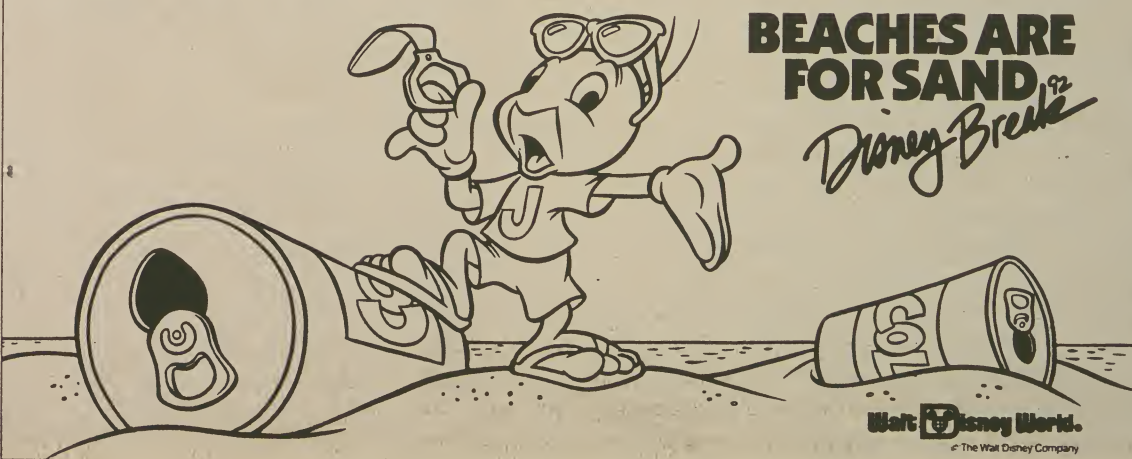
TAKE NOTE--Campus Cadets aid professional officers with such matters as parking tickets and supervising campus activities. They are paid for their work and may receive academic

credit toward their criminal justice major as well. Ten students are working as cadets although it is possible to have as many as 13, Campus Safety Director Gene Carney said.

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Disney Break



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Seminar to aid job seekers

Texas Employment Commission will present Jobs for Texans Today and Tomorrow, a training conference for serious job seekers. The seminar will be from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 25 at the Ramada Hotel, 5701 S. Broadway.

"Jobs for Texans is a brand new program that started this year," Gretchen Raiss, Greater Texas media director, said.

"We will have 12 seminars across the state. Unemployed and under-employed are invited. We will teach things that they have never heard before," she said.

This one-day seminar is designed to teach job seekers tools for writing effective resumes, making persuasive telephone calls and discovering hidden job markets. The program will expose seekers to winning job search techniques, the art of networking, enhancing a self-directed job search and conquering interviewing fears, she said.

Topics to be covered include: "Who Gets Hired and Why," "Ready, Set, Go for It," Self Evaluation and Job Analysis, "Communication Skills and Interviewing" and Local Employers Talk About Hiring."

"Special accommodations for the handicapped and disabled will be provided. We can arrange for a signer, if needed. We need to know in advance," Raiss said.

For other information call 1-800-222-4835.

Job seekers may apply anytime

Students seeking on-campus jobs may apply at anytime, but openings may not be available until summer or fall.

"Different types of jobs are available," Personnel Services Director Linda Fleet said.

"We do not have a list of jobs, but we do hire graders and tutors, etc.," she said.

Students must complete an application through the personnel office in 103 Jenkins Hall. When an instructor requests an assistant, the personnel office submits applicants who meet the qualifications. The teacher conducts the interview and hires the person, Fleet said.

"We employ over 300 student assistants," Fleet said.

Most jobs are available at the beginning of summer and fall semesters.

Free Enterprise contest to end

The deadline for submitting an essay for the Free Enterprise Scholarship Contest is 5 p.m. next Friday in the Financial Aid Office. The contest is open only to students.

Interested candidates should pick up a copy of the booklet "The Economic System That Built America" from the Financial Aid Office. They can write an essay of 500 words or less entitled "What the Free Enterprise System Means to Me."

The essay should be typed, double spaced and include a bibliography, according to a release from the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships.

"The essays submitted by TJC students will be judged as a group, Economics Program Director James Barnes said. They will not compete against students from other schools.

Winners will receive scholarships to be used at the college or university of their choice. Scholarships are: first, \$1,000; second, \$750; third, \$500, fourth, \$250; fifth, \$125 and sixth through tenth, \$75.

Essays will be judged on: theme development, style, clarity, use of reference materials and content. Content will be given double value.

Barnes had suggestions for entrants. "Read the material and then, as far as possible, get it personal to your own situation. If you have family members in business, you could get ideas from them," he said.

Tanya Sims to join Branson, Mo. music scene

By Jerl Prestidge
staff writer

Country and gospel music have put Branson, Mo., on the map. Music shows, quaint craft and gift shops, mini-race tracks and gamerooms line the streets of the small Missouri town. TJC freshman Tanya Sims will be a part of the Branson scene next summer.

Sims has been selected to perform in the "Celebration Theater," a musical show that "celebrates God's grace through music and song," Sims said.

"When rehearsals begin next month, Sims will fly to Branson every weekend until school is out. Once the show opens, she will live in Branson, supporting herself.

This won't be a new experience though, because Sims lived in Nashville for the past two summers while performing at Opryland USA.

"It's hard to live away," Sims said, "I grew up a lot. You learn to appreciate your family. It got pretty lonely at times."

It is not all bad though Sims said, because now she has friends all over the United States, "from California to Washington D.C."

The 19-year-old began singing in the seventh grade, when she performed "Elshaddai" for her church's Gong Show. Since then



courtesy photo

ON THE ROAD AGAIN--Tanya Sims has been selected to perform in the "Celebration Theater" in Branson Missouri.

she has sung at the Texas Opry USA in Whitehouse, the Tyler Rose Festival Coronation, the NCNB Christmas luncheon, the NCJAA Women's Basketball Tournament and many other functions.

She also had roles in plays including "Bye Bye Birdie" at Robert E. Lee High School and "The Sound of Music" at Pollard Methodist Church. In the TJC production of "42nd Street" last weekend, she played first-time chorus girl Peggy Sawyer.

Sims has also won many awards for her talents. She was voted 1988 and 1989 Entertainer of The Year, 1990 Female Vocalist of the Year and 1991 Hall of Fame recipient at Texas Opry USA. Sims earned first chair in all region and all area vocal try-outs and she won first divisions in both solo and ensemble singing at the state level.

Sims has sung both country and gospel music, but now she has decided to devote her voice and time to gospel music.

"Music is love," Sims said. "Music is God. It's a joy, an inspiration."

"The show in Branson is not about bad morals," she said. "It's about the Lord and the way our lives should be."

"There has to be a reason to sing the song. Country music tells a story. Pop is usually based on an aspect of life. Gospel is the best of everything because it comes directly from God," Sims said.

Sims sang country tunes at Opryland as she portrayed such characters as Winonna Judd, Loretta Lynn, K.T. Oslin and Reba McEntire.

Her most memorable moment in Nashville came when she and the other performers visited the Grand Old Opry.

"We got backstage and saw a lot of people," Sims said. She got to go one-on-one with such greats as Roy Acuff, Minnie Pearl, Randy Travis, Allan Jackson, Eddie Rabbit and Sawyer Brown.

"Minnie Pearl is amazing," Sims recalled. "She's just one big barrel of laughs."

In the Branson show, performers such as Ricky Skaggs, Paul Overstreet and Sandy Patty will appear.

Sims is excited about the experience Branson will give her, but more than that she's excited about music.

"I want to record someday, if that be the Lord's will," she said. "But more than anything I just want to move people. If only for a moment, I can give them a little bit of the love and peace that I've found in the Lord."

Sims recalled on two occasions looking into the audience and seeing her grandparents crying. "I thought, this is why I do this," she said.

"Music gives me chills," Sims said. "It's almost like when you're singing, you're in a different world. It's an escape. I just thank God for music."

EastTex Food Bank helps feed hungry

By Richard Choy
associate editor

Regional East Texas Food Bank serves this area providing food to those who otherwise would not have enough to eat.

We are always having food drives and other activities to raise donations of either food or money to buy food for our member agencies, Food Services Coordinator Rosemary McClain said.

"We have been working on putting together information packet for distribution at the Azalea run and we are having the food sculpture March 29 through April 3 at the Mall," McClain said.

The Food Bank is a clearing-house. It works in partnership with member agencies including churches, soup kitchens, Texas Department of Human Services and PATH, to distribute food to those in need.

Each year almost 20 percent of America's food supply, 53 million tons of food valued at more than \$24 billion, is wasted, according to a Food Bank pamphlet.

Texas ranks second in the U.S. poverty population. One out of four children and one out of five elderly lives in poverty.

Organizations pay only 13 cents per pound for food as a maintenance fund. The Food Bank and all member agencies must be non-profit.

The Food Bank started in September, 1988, and distributed almost 200,000 pounds of food during the first two months, according to the pamphlet. Since its beginning, the Food Bank has collected and distributed more than three million pounds of quality food to members in 27 counties.

The Food Bank now serves some 120 agencies. Food includes:

overproduced or discontinued items, frozen foods, dairy products, mislabeled goods, dented cans, day-old breads and pastries and fresh vegetables from local farmers and gardeners. Many businesses donate food or money.

In 1990, the Food Bank received the prestigious Nabisco Brands, Inc., Model Food Bank Program Award. The award honors innovative and results-oriented programs that serve as models for other food banks. The East Texas Food Bank was one of 22 Second Harvest food banks to receive this award. Second Harvest is a national network of 180 food banks.

"We always need volunteers and if you want to help, just come down and sign up," McClain said.

Volunteers and donations are important to the Food Bank. For information call 903-597-363 or write Box 6974, Tyler, 75711.

TUTORIAL LABS

Chemistry Labs

Wednesday 1-4 p.m. P002

Thursday 12-3 p.m. P104

Biology (A&P) Lab

Friday 3:30-5:30 p.m. G105

Computer Science Labs

Mon., Wed., Thurs 7-9:30 a.m. T235

Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. T235

Math Labs

Monday, Wednesday 1-6 p.m. P105

Tuesday, Thursday 1-6 p.m. P003

Friday 1-4 p.m. P105

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
6-8 p.m. P001

Accounting Labs

Monday 1-5 p.m. T205

Tuesday 2:30-7 p.m. T205

Wednesday 1-5 p.m. T205

Thursday 2:30-7 p.m. T205

Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. T205

Saturday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. T205

'42nd Street' provokes applause from 3 sell-out crowds

By Bonnie Calman
staff writer

Tanya Sims and Jonas Estes along with a supporting cast of actors, dancers and chorus, provoked applause from the audience at every pause of three sold-out crowds for "42nd Street" last weekend.

Throughout the show the audience laughed and jumped in surprise, as the actors startled them with action or pleased them with clever word play.

Producer Clarence Strickland added excitement to a fine play by seating the characters of Author Maggie Jones, played by Mary Hill, Co-Author Bert Barry,

played by Scott Craig and Producer Julian Marsh, played by Jonas Estes, with the audience, where a writer or producer would normally sit to watch a rehearsal. The audience was surprised when the writers stood up in the front rows and briskly walked up onto the stage to criticize or praise the actors as in an audition.

The music, produced by Music Instructor Frank Kimlicko, appeared to come from nowhere. The computer created fantastic sound. Instead an orchestra in front of the stage, Music and Dance Director Cheryl Rogers occupied that space, sitting before a podium with a song book and a baton to direct the singers.

The actors experienced a few minor mishaps on the stage during their performance but recovered well. The play was written with the actors intentionally falling or bumping into one another. Actual accidents blended into the script and were unnoticed while they added to the humor of "42nd Street."



Photo by Bonnie Calman

WE ARE ALMOST READY--With only five minutes before show time JulieAnn Marsh and Leslie Wisdom make final preparations.

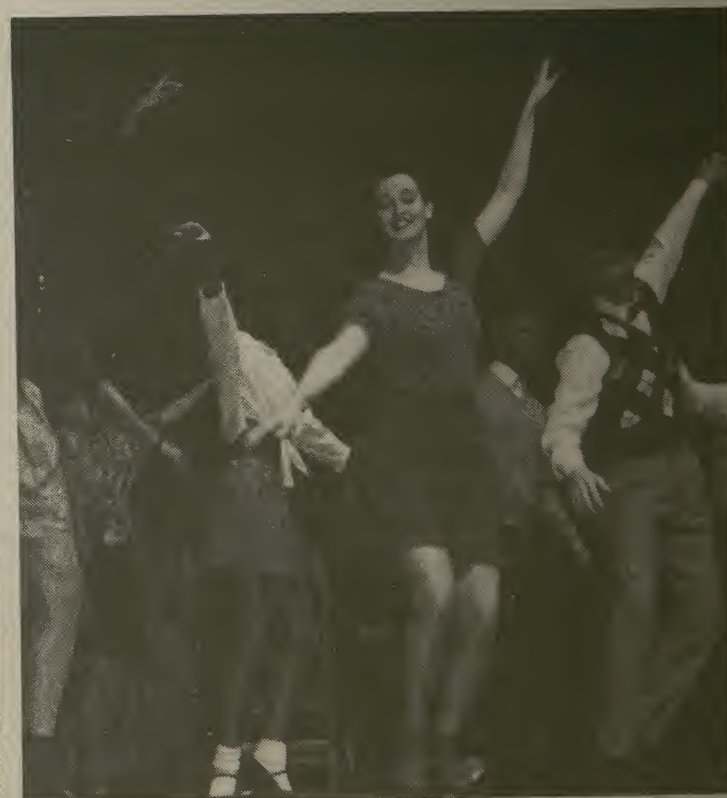


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TAP, TAP, TAP--Opening scene as the "Pretty Lady", dancers audition for the song writers.

Remodeling to reshape Jenkins Hall

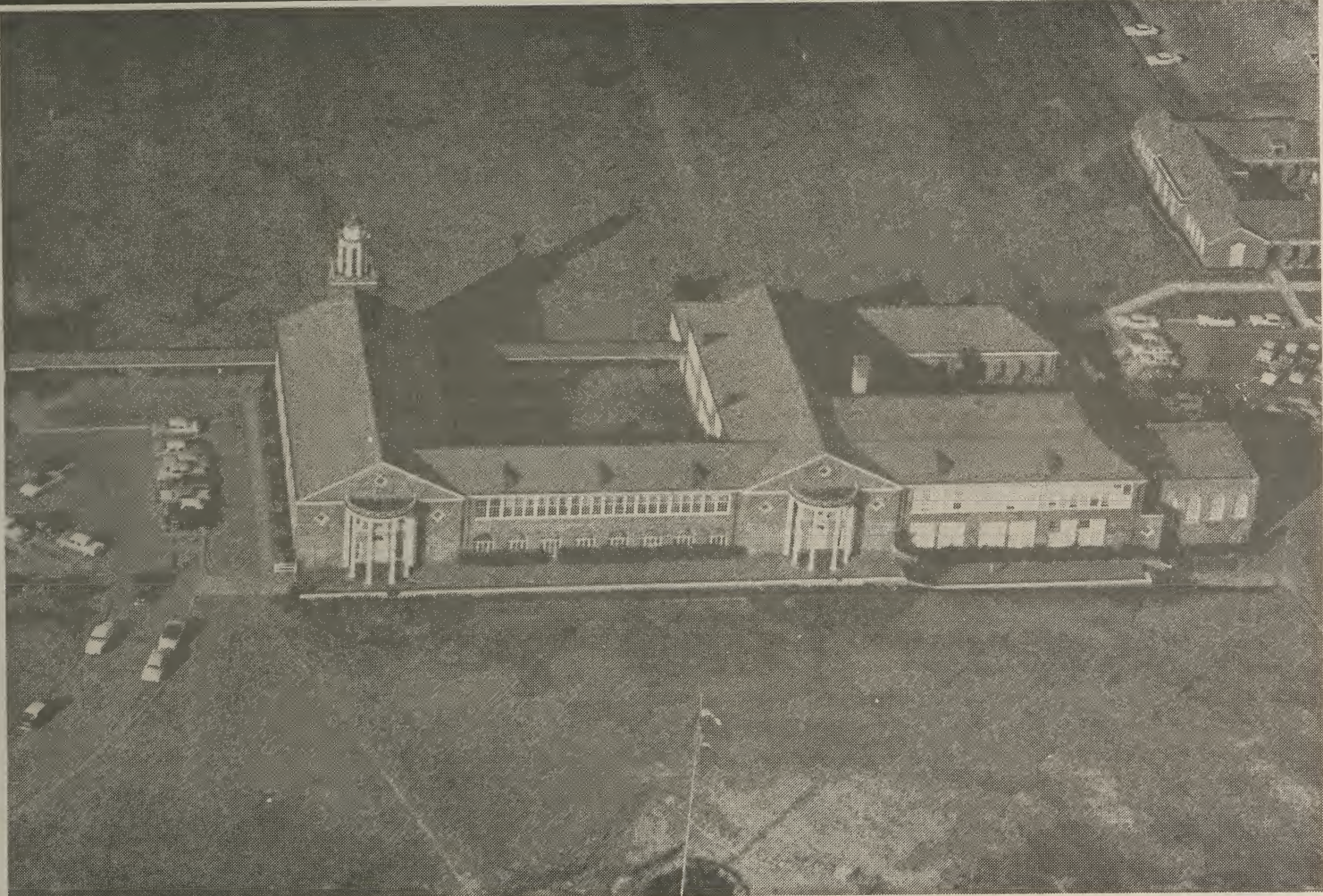
By Keith Mathis
staff writer

Jenkins Hall has served TJC students faculty and staff in several capacities since its construction in 1949. Next year it will be remodeled once again to suit the changing needs of the college.

Jenkins was one of the original buildings when TJC moved, in 1949, to this location from the Tyler Independent School District-owned Caldwell Building downtown. The only other buildings on the campus were the original Gentry Gymnasium, torn down in 1984, and the Student Center, razed last year.

Originally Jenkins housed classrooms on the east end and the library on the west end where the Ramey belltower is located. The library took up both floors of the structure. The center of first floor was open to the second story ceiling.

Admissions Dean Kenneth Lewis remembers that students began attending classes in the east end of the building while construction continued on the west side. At that time Jenkins was known only as the Academic Building.



TJC News file photo

LOOKING BACK FROM ABOVE: When Jenkins Hall was opened in 1949, the campus was bare. Remodeling plans will

again adapt the first campus building to serve a growing enrollment in 1993.

In 1966 it was renamed for the late Dr. Harry E. Jenkins, then TJC president. Jenkins served from 1946 to 1980 as president.

A monument to Jenkins on the east side of the building, facing the Wise Plaza fountain.

In 1969 the library was moved from the west end of Jenkins Hall into the newly constructed Vaughn Library. The former library was converted into the two-story structure in use today, which houses the registrar's suite of offices, eight

classrooms and twenty-nine faculty offices. New linoleum floors, florescent lighting and furniture were also added at that time.

After the White Administration Building is completed in 1993, the president and vice presidents

offices and registrar's offices will be moved from Jenkins Hall to the White Building.

New classrooms will be added in the vacated space. Construction on both buildings is slated to be completed by late 1993.

Giving child up for adoption can help mother, child, new family

By Monica Bruno
editor

Women of all ages experience unwanted pregnancies. Each one faces three difficult choices: parent the baby, abort the baby or give the baby up for adoption.

Probably the most respected decision is that of birth mothers who give their children up for adoption. That takes a lot of love and courage. Yet without that decision women who cannot bear children would not be able to have a family.

TJC student Sara (not her name), faced this big decision. She was 19, single and living on her own.

"I was three and half months pregnant when I found out," Sara said. "And I thought about adoption from the beginning."

Sara knew she couldn't handle parenthood financially, or emotionally and she was not real

stable. She decided about a month after she learned she was pregnant to give up her baby.

"I called several agencies, but I didn't really like any of them, I almost gave up, but then Diane called," Sara said. "Diane was just human and really nice."

"Sara knew she had choice of parenting," Diane Knowles of Lutheran Social Services of Texas, Inc., said.

The first thing we do when a woman comes in pregnant and is interested in adoption is get her medical care, Knowles said. She comes in once every two to three weeks, depending on how far along she is, and talks with me about her options.

"We also have to do all the necessary paper work to get background information," she said.

"Every step was really clear," Sara said. "I was not tied to anything or pressured by anyone."

All the papers were signed

Adoption Option Part 2

after Sara left the hospital and felt clear-headed, she said. It made her feel better about it. The decision was not what Diane wanted, but what I wanted to do.

"I told my parents I was pregnant and that I wanted adoption for my child about five months along," Sara said. "They didn't react well to the idea of adoption."

"At first I didn't want a family with another child, but the family I chose had another adopted child, and I thought that would be better," Sara said.

"While Sara was in the hospital, she got to hold and feed her baby," Knowles said. "And even

change his diapers."

"I met the adoptive parents on the day of placement," she said. "And they were better than I had imagined."

"The best part was seeing Bill and Sharon's face. That was the best part," Sara said.

"They weren't just happy to be parents, but happy to meet Sara," Knowles said.

They write Sara every month or six weeks, Knowles said. They also send pictures.

"Sara and her family send birthday and Christmas presents," Knowles said. "And the adoptive family isn't threatened."

I've never regretted the decision, Sara said, but I miss the time I could be spending with him.

"I think adoption is a better option left for young people these days," Sara said, "because some are not mature enough but they end up having to parent the child anyway."

LSST is a statewide social service agency of the Lutheran Churches in Texas.

The office provides unplanned pregnancy and adoption counseling to women considering adoption for their child, to couples who want to become adoptive parents and to families who want to open their homes for foster care.

"If you want to call for information, everything is kept confidential," Knowles said.

The East Texas office of LSST is located in Tyler on 3304 South Broadway, Suite 204. Knowles' phone number is 531-2229.

"They have a lot of respect for me," Sara said. "They know it wasn't out of selfishness or irresponsible, but it was because I loved him and wanted a better life for him."

"I feel they will teach him to be the person I want him to be," she said.

Students can earn fast credit through minimester

by Mantequilla Green
page editor

Minimesters provide shorter term courses for students who need fast job training.

"A minimester is anything less than 16 weeks," Admissions Dean Kenneth Lewis said.

Last month 316 students

signed up for the first spring minimester program. The 12-week term began Feb. 17 and will end May 16. Enrollment increased from 93 last spring's minimester.

"A large group of the classes were made for people in Rusk," Lewis said.

Twenty-six classes made,

most for employees at Rusk State Hospital..

They include: American and State Government, Business and Computer Applications, Child Growth and Development, Conversational Spanish, Composition and Rhetoric, Developmental Math II, Extended DOS,

History of the United States, Human Relations Management, Introduction to Computers, Introduction to Medical Recording, Introduction to Psychology, Lotus 123, Medical Term I and Nutrition.

Others are: Physical Concepts, Physical Fitness and Health Concepts, Radio and TV News Writing and Tennis Instruction.

"Students can get anywhere from 12 to 15 hours of college

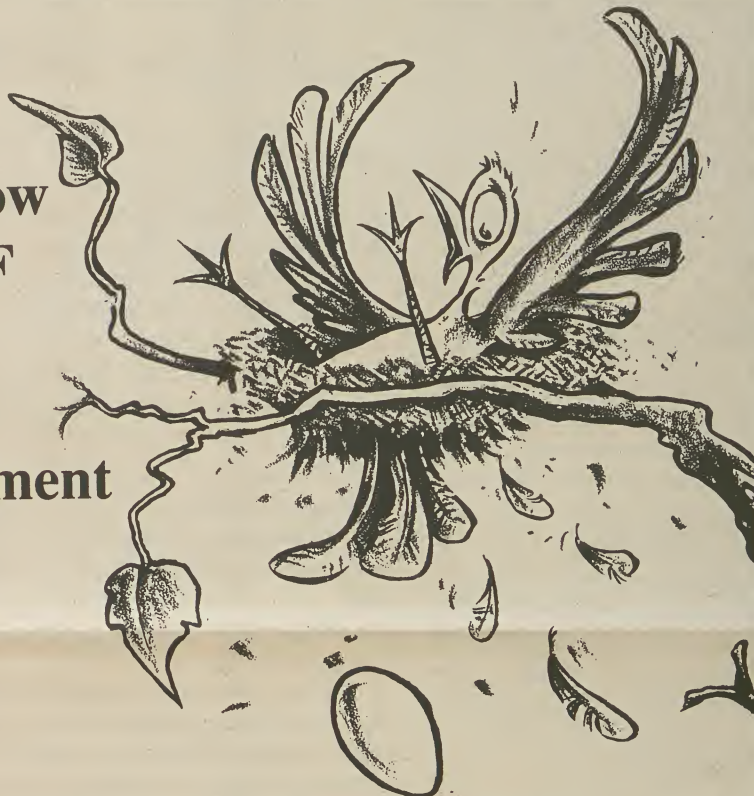
credit in 12 weeks," Lewis said.

"The program has been effective in the electronics department in which the minimester was designed," he said.

"History and government will also have effective responses through its ITV instruction," Lewis said.

Lewis said minimesters are no different from regular terms except the length—fewer weeks and longer classes.

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Short term option serves college, students

by Keith Mathis
staff writer

More than 300 students registered for the spring minimester Admissions Dean Kenneth Lewis said. The minimester condenses a 16-week curriculum into 12 weeks, Lewis said.

Lewis said TJC began offering the short semesters about four years ago. They are a "real service to the area" because they make the classes more accessible to working adults and others who are not able to start classes at the beginning of a long term. Many of the classes are offered at night and on weekends as well as in traditional daytime hours.

"In a metropolitan area like Tyler with the population moving in and out, not everyone is able to start classes at the same time," Lewis said.

Minimesters give students a chance to start classes late instead of waiting until the next regular term.

The short semesters also give the college a chance to offer a second chance at classes that did not make or additional sections for those that filled up too soon during regular registration.

Despite the compressed schedule, the quality of teaching is not compromised during a minimester. "The curricula and work load are the same as in the long semesters," he said.

Minimesters compensate for the shorter term by scheduling con-

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siderably longer class periods than in long semesters. Many weekend and Tuesday-Thursday classes are nearly four hours long.

Terry Shirley, who is teaching Radio and TV News writing in a 12-week class, says she does not think that the quality of teaching suffers either.

"It's very similar to a summer semester," Shirley said. "In fact the classes that last longer are more useful."

In a 50-minute class a teacher often has to stop in the middle of something, she said, and it is very difficult to pick up in the same place again the next day.

Sophomore Wayne Carter, a student in a minimester class, said the work compares to a night or weekend class.

"You're given a lot more at one time," he said. The workload can be hard to keep pace with.

"It depends on the class," Carter said. "If it's something that you're strong in it's not hard to keep up." But students would be ill advised to take a course in a subject they found difficult during a short semester, he said.

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Racquetball Club wins 5th at south-central regionals

By Wayne Carter
Editor

The Apache Racquetball Club posted a fifth-place overall finish in the South Central Regional Intercollegiate Racquetball Championships last month at the new Health and Recreation Sports Center at The University of Texas at Austin, Racquetball Club Sponsor Ken Ruether said.

Representing TJC in men's singles divisions 1-6 were: J. C. Thomas, Jimmy Audas, Donny Meyer, Royce Reece, Mark Oliver and Jeff Hall. Nicky Gould

and Jane Ponder took runner-up honors in women's No. 1 doubles. Gould also won the women's consolation event.

Audas won men's consolation for TJC.

Other teams in the tournament, which features teams from NCAA Division I schools, were Central Texas College, Oklahoma Baptist, Southwest Texas State, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Tulsa Universities, The University of North Texas, The University of Oklahoma, The University of Texas at Arlington and The University of Texas at Austin.

Approximately 85 students competed in the tournament, an annual event with implications for national competition, Ruether said.

"We were particularly pleased with the skill and enthusiasm of our two female team members," Ruether said. "Nicky and Jane were sensational and fought hard for every point. Hats off to them."

"The Apache Racquetball Club appreciates the support of the college in making it possible for them to participate in such events," Ruether said.

Fraternity to help in walk for MS

Delta Xi Chi fraternity will help with the second annual Bank One Super Cities Walk in Tyler March 21.

Funds raised will support National Multiple Sclerosis Society research into the cure, prevention and cause of MS and health related services for people with the disease.

Each walker will raise money by recruiting sponsors to pledge a certain amount for each kilometer

completed. Prizes will be awarded for funds raised.

The 15K (9.3 mile) route will begin at Green Acres Shopping Center. It will wind through residential neighborhoods and past The University of Texas at Tyler, including three stops for nutritious snacks. It will end back at Green Acres Shopping Center for lunch, courtesy of Little Caesar's. Kenny Smith will provide finish line entertainment.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:30 a.m.

Delta Xi Chi helped with the walk last year. They are in charge of getting volunteers this year. Anyone interested in volunteering needs to contact Jason Scott or Scott Eeds at (903) 593-0335. Those interested in walking or pledging support for walkers can call the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Tyler Hotline at (903) 534-5884.

Longview bikers offer clinic, tour

By Kristl Thorn
staff writer

The Texas Chaining Challenge week long bike ride is scheduled June 7-13.

This 390-plus-mile ride sponsored by the Longview News-Journal and Longview Bicycle Club begins in New Braunfels.

The route passes through the

hills of Central Texas and ends in the Piney Woods of East Texas.

Updates will be sent about the route, registrations and hostowns through the end of May.

"The \$40 fee includes luggage transportation, sag service, campground access, course maps, energy drinks, fruit, a T-shirt complete with the TCC armadillo, plus

a whole lot of sweat, fun and memories," McGhehey said.

The Longview Bicycle Club will sponsor free weekly training clinics starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Hot Biscuit restaurant on Estes Parkway.

These will prepare the beginner for the Texas Chaining Challenge.

"The one-hour clinics will answer basic questions like how to build endurance, what to wear, what type of equipment is needed, what to eat and drink while riding, how to ride safely in traffic and with other cyclists and how to ride in relative comfort," McGhehey said.

After the clinic, riders will work on basic cycling skills in a protected area such as a parking lot.

"The rides will begin with a flat five miles and will increase five miles each week for the next nine weeks. In addition to increased mileage, the difficulty of the terrain will gradually increase as the route travels over more rolling hills with steeper inclines

Sports Briefs

Golfers take 11th in first tourney

The TJC golf team placed 11th out of 16 in their first tournament late February in Denison. Their total score was 3.3. Scores for individual TJC golfers were: Jason Moore, 77; Chad Hoffman, 78; Mark Cates, 79; Matt Stovall, 79; and John Audas, 82.

"They did well. They got their nervousness over with and got a taste of what college golf is all about," Coach J. D. Menasco said.

Cyclists give 'Bike-Aid' for world

This summer 120 international and U.S. cyclists will bike across America for global development in Bike-Aid '92.

The teams will set off from Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Austin and Montreal, riding about 3,600 miles to a great finale in Washington, D.C. at the end of August.

The Bike-Aid '92 deadline is March 31. Write or call the Bike-Aid '92 office at 333 Valencia St. Suite 330, San Francisco, Ca. 94103 or (415) 431-4480.

Cyclists raise funds and awareness for national and international grassroots development. In the past six years cyclists have raised more than \$750,000 in support for this cause.

This year will be an especially educational experience. Bike-Aid '92 will emphasize Native American awareness as riders visit Native American communities and do service projects. They will also give support to development projects in North, Central and South America.

Riders of all ages and walks of life can participate in Bike-Aid. Riders from Asia, Latin America, Africa and Europe are expected.

Bike-Aid is an annual transcontinental trek sponsored by the Overseas Development Network, a national student-based organization. In Bike-Aid individuals address global poverty and injustice. Community activists, farmers' cooperatives and environmental action groups support the program.

to test a rider's climbing and descent abilities," McGhehey said.

"The routes will vary each week," McGhehey said.

"The ride leader will provide safe routes on lightly-travelled roads for the inexperienced rider," he said.

Riders will end the weekly training clinics with a 50-mile "graduation ride" May 16 at the Rubicon Bicycle Tour Clinic participants will be awarded completion certificates.

The training clinics and rides are open to the public. Membership in the Longview Bicycle Club is not required to participate in the clinics.

Clinic participants do not have to ride in the Texas Chaining Challenge.

For more information about the training clinics or the Challenge call Gail Cummins or McGhehey at 1-800-237-BIKE.

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The Band and Belles performed for a crowd of 80,000 fans and a television audience of about 100 million. In their halftime performance they paid tribute to Louis Armstrong.

Singer Ella Fitzgerald, jazz trumpeter Al Hirt and "Hello Dolly" star Carol Channing shared halftime with the TJC students.

Some 500 television stations in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Alaska, Hawaii and England carried the halftime show.

Band Director was Edwin Fowler, Belles Executive Director was Eva Saunders and dance director was the late Alfred Gilliam.

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